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SUBJ: FOOD AND ECONOMIC CRISIS IN CAPE VERDE

1. ROBERT BATES, MEMBER STAFF SENATOR KENNEDY, VISITED ISLANDS OF SAL, SANTIAGO, AND ST. VINCENT IN CAPE VERDE JANUARY 18-21, HOLDING EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH GOP HIGH COMMISSIONER ALMEIDA D'ECA AND PAIGC HEAD PEDRO PIRES. D'ECA GAVE BATES FOLLOWING DATA ON FOOD AND ECONOMIC SITUATION:

2. FOOD: PORTUGAL HAS HISTORICALLY SUBSIDIZED FOOD PRICES IN CAPE VERDE AND IN SOME CASES GAVE IT FREE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT WORK. INDEPENDENCE FOR DROUGHT STRICKEN ISLANDS SCHEDULED JULY 5 AFTER WHICH GOP WILL NOT MAINTAIN FOOD SUBSIDY. SUGAR SUPPLY DOWN TO NOTHING; MILK STOCK EXHAUSTED JANUARY 22; CORN ON FEBRUARY 15, AND BEANS BY MARCH 15.

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3. ECONOMY: CAPE VERDE BUDGET FOR 1974 REPORTEDLY \$32 MILLION,

\$12 MILLION OF WHICH RAISED BY ISLANDS, REMAINING \$20 MILLION PROVIDED BY PORTUGAL. AID TO POPULATION DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS FOR JAN-JUNE 1975 PROJECT AT US \$20 MILLION:

(A) SUBSIDIES OF \$10 MILLION TO PAY SALARIES FOR APPROXIMATELY 60,000 MEN, WOMEN AND YOUTHS.

(B) FOOD, FREE TO THOSE UNABLE TO WORK, VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$2.5 MILLION.

(C) FOOD SUBSIDIES OF APPROXIMATELY \$6.5 MILLION (EQUAL TO DIFFERENCE IN COST OF FOOD AND SALES BY GOP FOR BEANS, MILK, RICE, ETC).

D. \$1 MILLION FOR MEDICINE.

4. ATMOSPHERE: BATES REPORTED THAT DESPITE THE DIRE POVERTY AND BLEAK FUTURE THE PEOPLE WERE EXCITED ABOUT THE ISLANDS' FUTURE INDEPENDENCE. WHEREAS THE PORTUGUESE HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS NOT PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CAPE VERDE'S FUTURE, PAIGC NOT, AT LEAST ON SURFACE, WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE SOURCE OF FUNDS.

5. COMMENT: BOTH TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND PAIGC WENT TO IMPRESSIVE LENGTH TO ACCOMMODATE BATES. FROM BATES' OBSERVATIONS, FOOD SITUATION BLEAK. HIGH COMMISSIONER NOW IN LISBON WORKING ON FOOD PROBLEM.
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